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Please replace the paragraph at page 5, lines 15-28 with the following paragraph in clean form:

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-- Although illustrated in a copying system, the invention can be practiced in other types of systems such as printers, fax machines, combined purpose machines, etc., and the term should be interpreted broadly enough to cover all such systems. In a printer, the document scanner 12 may not be used, the document data instead coming from an input device such as a computer or digital camera. Sensors other than scanner 18 may be used to collect information about the receiver's characteristics. It should also be recognized that a user may enter the characteristics of the receiver into the copying system such as through a menu, thus avoiding the need for scanning the receiver to obtain the characteristics. And while the method in the illustrative embodiment employs toners as the pigment carriers, inks and other pigment carriers may also be used in other systems such as inkjet printers where appropriate.

REMARKS

With entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-13 remain pending in the application.

Patentability over Shin and Kondo

Claims 1, 3-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Shin, U.S. Pat. No. 6,351,320 B1. Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Shin and Kondo, U.S. Pat. No. 6,241,339 B1. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1-11

Claim 1 is directed to a method of copying a document by considering the characteristics of the receiver. Specifically, claim 1 recites,

1. A method of copying a document onto to a receiver, the method comprising:
determining the characteristics of a receiver on which the document will be copied;
from the characteristics, determining which pigments are required to render the receiver to a given standard;
determining which pigments are required to render a document image on the receiver; and